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No. 25 for corresponding gene sequence), SEQ ID No. 4 of molecular wt 19456.9 (See also SEQ ID No. 26 for corresponding gene sequence), SEQ ID No.5 of molecular wt. 19487 (See also SEQ ID No. 27 for corresponding gene sequence) and SEQ ID No.6 of molecular wt 19470.9 (See also SEQ ID No. 28 for corresponding gene sequence) present in the vector pJO290.--

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On page W, replace the paragraph that begins on line 25 and ends on line 30 with the following new paragraph:

-- Still another embodiment of the present invention relates to the a method of preparing an expression system of novel thermostable, organic solvent resistant and high pH tolerant lipase gene variants having SEQ ID No. 2 of molecular wt 19443 (See also SEQ ID No. 24 for corresponding gene sequence), SEQ ID No. 3 of molecular wt 19515 (See also SEQ ID No. 25 for corresponding gene sequence), SEQ ID No. 4 of molecular wt 19456.9 (See also SEQ ID No. 26 for corresponding gene sequence), SEQ ID No.5 of molecular wt. 19487 (See also SEQ ID No. 27 for corresponding gene sequence) and SEQ ID No.6 of molecular wt 19470.9 (See also SEQ ID No. 28 for corresponding gene sequence), said method comprising the steps of: --

On page 23, replace the paragraph that begins on line 27 and ends on line 6 of page 24 with the following new paragraph:

-- The mutant Gene sequence -5  $\overline{27}$  was created from the clone 2-8G10 and wt by using the unique restriction site Hae II at position 910 of the lipase gene. The genes coding for the two proteins were amplified by PCR using the T7 promoter and terminator primers. The PCR products were purified by gel extraction and digested with Hae II and Nde I. The upper and